



Tour de Forest Rally Sep 24, 2022

DECISION 2

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The Steward, having received notification that the event would be shortened due to last-minute requirements by the landowner:

Session: The evening prior to the event

Fact: A day prior to the event, the event organizers received notice from the landowner that the fire risk on the stage roads has unexpectedly increased to the point that the landowner has restricted access to them. One of the restrictions is that the roads may not be used for competition between 13:00 and 20:00.

The event organizers, in an effort to meet this restriction, have shortened the event to four stages, with the resulting stage miles totalling 23.26.

Issue 1: Bulletin 2022-2 indicates the points criteria for Basic Regional events, reading as follows: "... These events, of 30 or more stage miles, award points that may be counted in the corresponding East, West, or Central Championship."

Decision 1: The event will count for regional points despite the not meeting the mileage criteria.

Reason 1: The landowner requirement was imposed on the event organizers at the last minute, giving them insufficient time to find and prepare alternate stages, making this a clear Force Majeure situation. However, the Bulletin does not distinguish whether the required mileage is scheduled or actual, making it ambiguous whether the event should count for points or not. Taking into account the extremely short notice and the ambiguity, the Steward has decided to allow the event to continue to count for regional points.

Issue 2: RCR 2.4.2 indicates that an event must be 30 miles or more to count towards removing Restricted Driver and Novice Driver endorsements.

Decision 2: The event will NOT count towards removing those endorsements.

Reason 2: The removal of restrictions are based on the driver accumulating experience. The shortened event does not provide enough experience.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 9 of the ARA General Competition Rules.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michel Hoche-Mong', is written in a cursive style.

Michel Hoche-Mong, Event Steward